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Special Disaster Relief Edition

74th Annual SCFWB State Meeting

On February 25th-26th the Seventy Fourth annual session of the SCFWB State Meeting took place at the Gilead FWB Church in Lake City. The Convention saw good crowds every day and the Thursday evening crowd (featured here) was very well attended also. This year at the State Meeting, the theme was "The Whole Church, Taking The Whole Gospel, To The Whole World". The featured speakers this year were Rev. Don Hanna who shared about the difficulties and hardships associated with following Christ, especially on the mission field. He related personal stories of what it was like for Bro. Carlisle and family in India.

The Thursday evening speaker was Rev. Carlisle Hanna. He spoke about the work in India, tracing Free Will Baptist roots all the back to the 1800's Friday morning our speak was Rev. Stanley Rajkumar, and brought a powerful message out of Romans on being not ashamed of the Gospel. Bro Stanley spent the month of February in South Carolina and spoke in many churches during that time. He is the pastor of the Hanna Free will Baptist Church in South India, and the director of the Volena Wilson Bible Institute.

This year marked 65 years since the SCFWB State Association endorsed Bro. Carlisle Hanna to be their missionary in India. This anniversary prompted the Executive Board to announce "Project 65" Free Will Baptist families across the State were asked to send 65 dollars in effort build a church for a congregation in Bhuttabari, Nepal. Our goal was $50,000.00. People from all across South Carolina responded with generous gifts. We received funds from Nashville, Pennsylvania and even California! After the Thursday evening offering was taken up our total was $48,522.28, but the offerings haven't stopped coming in since, and as of last count we are at $53,000.00! Glory!

Bro Carlisle Hanna wanted to include this note to the people and churches who gave.

Dear Ones,
Greetings in Jesus' wonderful name.

We, the Hanna family, are deeply grateful to all the families and churches who gave to Project 65 to make it such a success. When the check was revealed, we were too overwhelmed to know what to say. We are thankful for the love shown to us and to our churches in dear India through your response to this project. We will look forward to being able to show you a picture of the building once it is completed. All of us will have the joy of knowing our people at Bhuttabari will have a good place in which to worship. Thank you, too, for your prayers for our family here and our large family in India.

Bro. Carlisle and family

Also at the this year at the State Meeting, Rev. Marty Cox was honored for his years of service as the Treasurer for the State Association, as well as his 20 years serving on the SCFWB Youth Board. Assistant treasurer Rev. Scott Ard will serve as the new Treasurer for the State Association, and Rev. Joey Postlewaite will serve on the SCFWB youth Board In place of Bro. Marty Cox

Other Convention news:

The State Convention voted to form a Disaster Relief Board. The following motion was made, seconded, and carried.

"It is recommended by the Executive Board and therefore moved that the South Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptists, in light of recent catastrophic events, such as the South Carolina Flood of 2015, and the likelihood of similar events in the future; form a Disaster Relief Board, for the purpose of assisting Free Will Baptist Churches, as well as the general public in effort to promote the welfare of Free Will Baptists and to extend the gospel to whosoever will."

The New SCFWB website was featured at the State Meeting (scfwb.com) this year highlighting the various ministries of our state, showcasing its ease of use and functionality. Some of the best site features are:

- **A search function on every page**
- **A Get Directions option with every church's site**
- **A Mobile friendly version**

The introduction of Solid Grounds Coffee Shop was also presented to our state this year. Solid Grounds features a vast menu of coffee drinks and various baked goods. It provides a relaxing Christian environment for patrons to enjoy a little quiet time to do work or have a bible study. It has promoted the sale of much more books in the bookstore as well. Come by on your way to Myrtle Beach or schedule a group event such as a youth night, bible study, or Ladies/ Mens fellowship.

Giving to missions and ministries was up this year among SC Free Will Baptists through the SC Plan of Support

Beaver Creek Conference

	Jan - Dec 15
BC Liberty, Lancaster	33,725.96
BC Fairview, Spartanburg	29,976.21
BC Southside, Aiken	21,026.00
BC Inman First	20,492.80
BC Lockhart, Lockhart	11,642.00
BC Una, Una	7,620.00
BC Calvary, Union	3,272.00
BC High Point, Lancaster	3,256.71
BC Parkway, Spartanburg	3,000.00
BC Greenwood First	2,337.50
BC Simpsonville, First	2,200.00
BC 0 Beaver Creek Association	1,680.00
BC Landmark, Anderson	300.00
TOTAL	140,529.18

Central Association

	Jan - Dec 15
CA Evergreen, Conway	13,757.16
CA Damascus, Conway	11,109.86
CA Mullins-Marion, Mullins	11,000.00
CA Mt Ariel, Conway	10,223.00
CA Mt Trolly, Galivants Ferry	7,938.00
CA Unity, Johnsonville	7,800.00
CA Free Welcome, Conway	7,244.00
CA White Savannah, Conway	7,047.51
CA Little Star, Johnsonville	6,163.50
CA Little Bethel, Johnsonville	6,100.00
CA Hamlet First	4,044.00
CA 0 Central Association	1,850.00
CA Wildwood, Nichols	1,690.00
CA Cornerstone, Whiteville	1,500.00
CA Grace, Loris	500.00
CA Greater Vision, Bladenboro, NC	210.00
TOTAL	98,177.03

Eastern Conference

	Jan - Dec 15
EC Mill Branch, Johnsonville	19,805.25
EC Gilead, Lake City	16,178.46
EC Lighthouse, Florence	10,006.84
EC St John, Scranton	6,820.02
EC Happy Home, Andrews	5,160.00
EC Calvary, Georgetown	3,026.00
EC Hillside, Florence	2,800.00
EC Cornerstone-Fellowship, Manning	2,518.21
EC Williams Hill, Hemingway	2,360.00
EC New Prospect, Pamplico	1,915.00
EC Cypress Fork, Manning	855.50
EC 0 Eastern Conference	800.00
EC New Vision, Hemingway	732.00
EC Hickory Hill, Gresham	100.00
EC Freedom, Ladson	89.00
TOTAL	73,166.28

South Carolina Conference

	Jan - Dec 15
SC Horse Branch, Turbeville	145,587.33
SC Florence First	60,021.90
SC Lebanon, Effingham	58,553.80
SC Westside, Johnsonville	56,369.11
SC Grace, Lake City	47,242.17
SC Bethany, Timmonsville	45,239.00
SC Peace, Florence	36,928.62
SC Beulah, Pamplico	26,214.96
SC Sand Hill, Coward	20,936.00
SC Black River, Andrews	20,554.78
SC Bay Branch, Timmonsville	19,875.00
SC Temple, Darlington	18,061.29
SC Darlington First	14,635.49
SC Southside, Darlington	9,838.76
SC Tabernacle, Coward	9,610.00
SC FWB Bible, Darlington	8,000.00
SC Faith, Darlington	7,557.75
SC Mt Elon, Pamplico	6,989.04
SC Columbia Original	6,858.70
SC Jefferson Road, Sumter	6,178.02
SC Poplar Hill, Hemingway	5,400.00
SC New Town, Lake City	5,307.00
SC Liberty, Manning	4,903.30
SC Low Country, N Charleston	4,667.43
SC Lynches River, Coward	4,000.00
SC Hartsville First	3,841.46
SC Charleston First	3,708.98
SC Fellowship, Florence	3,588.95
SC Immanuel, Santee	2,598.00
SC Eastside, Florence	2,557.93
SC Kingstree First	1,000.00
SC St John, Patrick	407.26
SC 0 South Carolina Conference	300.00
TOTAL	667,532.03

True Life Conference

	Jan - Dec 15
TL Pine Grove, Jefferson	2,899.88
TL Calvary, Gastonia, NC	1,100.00
TL 0 True Life Association	750.00
TOTAL	4,749.88

Women Active For Christ

	Jan - Dec 15
WNAC State	5,776.83
WNAC SCD	900.00
WNAC ED Gilead	864.12
WNAC SCD Southside, Darlington	300.00
WNAC SCD Fellowship	200.00
WNAC CD	200.00
WNAC BC	150.00
WNAC SCD Lebanon	100.00
WNAC SCD New Town, Lake City	84.00
TOTAL	8,574.95

Individuals, Independent Orgs and Non-conference Churches

	Jan - Dec 15
ZZ Anonymous	50,175.00
ID Cramerton FWB Church, Cramerton, NC	5,060.00
ID Mississippi State Association	4,000.00
ID Victory, Andrews	3,216.20
ID Prospect Independent Methodist Church	3,000.00
ID Pleasant Acres FWB Church	2,500.00
ZZ Duncan, Aaron, & Jacqueline	2,400.00
ID Albany First FWB Church	2,010.00
ID Blue Ridge Assoc of Free Will Bap	2,000.00
ZZ Jones, Phillip and Dessie	1,140.00

ZZ Christopher Edwards	1,050.00
ID Unity FWB Church, Greenville NC	1,015.00
ID Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church	1,000.00
ID Homers Chapel	1,000.00
ID Free Will Baptist Church of WPB	1,000.00
ZZ Spriles Communications LLC	1,000.00
ID SCFWB State Office	770.00
ZZ Cash	680.00
ID HillTop FWB Church	667.00
ID Greer First, Greer	637.00
ZZ Coker, Allen	635.00
ID First FWB Church, Jacksonville, NC	535.00
ZZ Minister Ministry	500.00
ID Fawn Grove FWB Church	500.00
ID Dublin Grove FWB Church	500.00
ZZ Coker, Julian	450.00
ID Unity WAC	400.00
ID Floyd Chapel PH Church	300.00
ID Canaan Land FWB Church, Ohio	300.00
ZZ Hill, Tom and Maryglenn	250.00
ZZ McCall, Mary	250.00
ZZ Smith, Leroy & Diane	250.00
ZZ Patricia H. Simmons	225.00
ID NAFWB International Missions	200.00
ZZ Jones, Mike and Paula	180.00
ZZ Paula Jones	180.00
ZZ Tart, Rebecca	130.00
ZZ Hughes, Larry	100.00
ID Bethlehem United Methodist, Lake City	100.00
ZZ Martin, Donald	100.00
ZZ Hill, Thomas	100.00
ZZ Hobbs, Eddie	92.00
ZZ Pate, Joyce	75.00
ZZ Logan, Cathy	75.00
ZZ Hodges Elizabeth	65.00
ZZ Hanna, Earl and Bernice	65.00
ZZ Inman, Benny/Dorothy	65.00
ZZ RAPER, JAMES EARL	65.00
ZZ Baxley, Carolyn	65.00
ZZ Wallace, David	65.00
ZZ McElveen, Jonathan	65.00
ZZ Morgan, Shanna & Gary	65.00
ZZ Springs, Cathy and Thurmon	65.00
ZZ B.T. Franklin	50.00
ZZ Wanda Carlson	25.00
ZZ Hiott, Margaret	25.00
ZZ Wayland Owens	25.00
ZZ Hiott, Tammy	20.00
ZZ Morris, Steve	20.00
ZZ Hall, Jerry	10.00
TOTAL	91,507.20

Total Giving By Conference Churches

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EC Hickory Hill, Gresham	100.00
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TOTAL	984,154.40

Historic South Carolina Flood provides opportunity for Free Will Baptists to shine.

On October 4th, 2015 in what was termed by SC Governor Nikki Haley, as a 1000 year flood, South Carolinians braced for the onslaught of over 20" inches of rain in a 24 hour period, brought on by a fire hose of tropical moisture concentrated on the mid-lands and coastal areas, the effects were felt immediately as flash flooding ravaged local areas, and then as waters began to recede into rivers and estuaries, communities downstream braced for record flood levels in the coming days. Free Will Baptists across the area fared well as a whole, with one church being affected directly, and others a near miss.

Featured right: is the sanctuary of the Unity Free Will Baptist Church in Johnsonville. With approximately 6" of water in the sancutary and 18" in the fellowship hall, both church folks and other Free Will Baptists quickly got to work with clean up to help begin the process of drying out. Along with the Unity Church, Free Will Baptists and their families were also affected by the flooding. News of the damage stirred the hearts of Free Will Baptists across America, and funds began to come in to aid in the relief efforts. Free Will Baptists in South Carolina rallied together nationally, some by conference, some by church, and others individually in order to provide relief to flood victims.

Featured Left and below are pastors Teddy Rabon,Allan Austin, and Scott Ard, working in the Johnsonville community to help.

The True life Conference rallied to the cry for help gathering supplies from water, and clothing to personal Hygene items to baby formula.

1st FWB Church Greenwood provides Heat/Air Conditioning to flood victims in Andrews. The Men of 1st FWB Church Greenwood came down with their pastor Rev. Damon Duncan to install a brand new HVAC system for a flood victim in Andrews.

Men of the 1st FWB Church listen as the Homeowner, and flood victim Roger Bruce recounts the events of the flood, just before having prayer.

Lebanon and Peace FWB churches Joined together to help out victims in the Pee Dee by setting up a tractor trailor to receive donations, first at the Peace FWB Church and then at the Wal Mart on South Irby St. in Florence.

Horse Branch FWB Church Hosts a clothing and donations drive to aid in flood relief as well. They also fed first responders, and took food via police escort to flood victims who were cut off by the waters.

Shine Conference

The Shine conference was held at Fairview Freewill Baptist on Oct. 24th 2015. This conference was made possible by a grant from the FWB Foundation. It was geared toward girls ages 12-18, moms, and youth workers. The guest speakers for the girls were Rachel Bryant (RN) and Beth Bryant. Rachel took time to explain to the young ladies about their anatomy, and what's going on in their changing bodies. Beth spoke to the girls about finding their value in Christ.

Sarah Sargent got real with adults about what their children are really going through in today's society, and she also gave great tips for safe guarding our children from dangers that arise in technology. Ana Batts spoke to us about specific ways we can minister to children today.

The girls made "GLOW Girl Glasses" to show that they can stand out for Christ in this dark world! Elizabeth Hodges (WNAC) took time at the end of the day to give us all wonderful words of encouragement, and prayer for guidance.

You're Never Too Young to Support Missions

7 year old Lexi Goff learned that you are never too young to support missions. She utilized her skills in tying survival bracelets from parachute chord, in order to raise money for missions in Spain and Africa. Lexi, raised $835.00 for Neil & Mandi Morgan in Spain, and $100.26 for the Simmons in Africa. ($935.26 dollars in total!) This little entrepreneur utilized her skills as an administrator to enlist the help of her family and church in effort to raise the funds. This great work caught the attention of International Missions, prompting Director Clint Morgan and Sam McVay Dir. of Church Relations to arrange a meeting with Lexi at the SCFWB State Meeting, in effort to commend her hard work and to present her with a gift of small items from various parts of the world. Lexi is a member of the Horse Branch FWB Church. On that night it just happened to be her birthday!

Pastor Donnie and Trudy Miles Celebrate 25 Years at Peace FWB Church

Miles doesn't know how many sermons he has preached throughout those 25 years, but he said members have been gracious to listen to him for that long. He preaches at the church on Sunday mornings, Sunday nights and Wednesday nights.

"I'm sure it's been, at times, hard for them," Miles said. "Someone asked me, 'How do you stay so long at one church?' I said, 'The first thing you have to do is find a good church.' These people have watched us grow. In many ways they helped raise our family."

Congratulations to Pastor Donnie, Mrs. Trudy and The Peace Church.

40th Wedding Anniversary

Pastor Daggett Duncan and Sister Judith Celebrate 40 Years of Marriage. Congratulations to them on this great milestone!

50th Church Anniversary Celebration

November 22nd, marked the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Inman, SC. In the year of 1965 the vision became a reality with the first service being held in a store front building on 14 Mill Street, with only five in attendance. But now the church is the central hub of The Gwen Hendrix Hispanic Bible Inst., Brazil & Beyond Ministries, as well as home to several weekly attendees.

1st FWB Church Charleston Has Grand Opening

On February 27th and 28th the 1st FWB Church Charleston had their grand opening weekend. Saturday began at 11am with several music groups performing, a jump castle and slide, a free BBQ dinner and open house tours of our new facility. On Sunday they had a testimony time beginning at 10am and followed by a dedication and celebration service.

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Heb. 6:19

HEROES
CHRISTIAN STRONG

Ephesians 6:10
Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power

South Carolina Free Will Baptist
Junior Camp 2016
"Camp PEE DEE"
July 25th - 29th
Marion, SC

4533 Youth Court or Austin RD
Marion, SC 29571

Junior Camp $135.00 per camper

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Teen Camp 2016
"Camp PEE DEE"
July 11th - 15th
Marion, SC

4533 Youth Court or Austin RD
Marion, SC 29571

Teen Camp $175.00 per camper
(Includes Bowling)

NAFWB National Convention
Kansas City, Missouri July 17-20

Online Preregistration Begins April 1st,
Hotel procurement begins May 9th

AVAILABLE MINISTER TO SUPPLY PULPIT

For our SC FWB churches, below is a list of available or retired ministers to help supply the pulpit in the absence of a pastor:

Rev. Earl Hanna, Florence - (843) 617-7339
Rev. Leroy Lowery, Darlington - (843) 229-2078
Rev. James Earl Raper, Turbeville - (843) 659-2366
Rev. Jacob Creech, Turbeville - (843) 687-2301
Rev. Galen Dunbar, Florence – (843) 676-9865
Rev. Bobby Bowers, Greenville - (864) 230-0518
Rev. Bennie Turner, Manning - (803) 473-0286
Rev. John Cody, Rock Hill – (803) 323-7092
Rev. Donald Davis – (864) 998-4965
Rev. Kenny Haselden – (843) 731-4842